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Seiji NONAKA et al. : Docket No. 2000-1402
Serial No. 09/679,308 : Group Art Unit 1745
Filed October 6, 2000 : Examiner J. Mercado

ELECTRODE METAL MATERIAL,
CAPACITOR AND BATTERY FORMED
OF THE MATERIAL AND METHOD
OF PRODUCING THE MATERIAL
AND THE CAPACITOR AND BATTERY :

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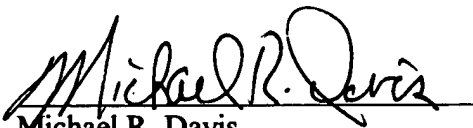
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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
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 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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5. ☒ A foreign patent office search report citing the reference is enclosed.
6. Comments:

In addition to JP 7-226206 cited on the attached PTO-1449 form, the enclosed European Search Report also cites EP 0 449 145. Applicants note that the EP '145 reference, according to the annex to the European Search Report, corresponds to US 5,150,283, which has already been considered by the Examiner during prosecution of the present application, as apparent from the Examiner-initialed PTO-1449 form of February 20, 2001 attached to the Office Action of February 13, 2002.

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